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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Patent Application of: :  
Yoshiaki Tanaka :  
Conf. No.: 7843 : Group Art Unit: 2835  
Appln. No.: 10/656,580 : Examiner: Anatoly Vortman  
Filing Date: September 4, 2003 : Attorney Docket No.: 10844-33US  
Title: Alloy Type Thermal Fuse and Material for a Thermal Fuse Element

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005 (Paper No. 1205). This response is being timely submitted by March 21, 2006.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-58 are presently pending in the application. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, and 58 remain withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication in the present Office Action that claims 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, and 49 are only objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim; these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner acknowledges that the elements of these claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

**Double-Patenting Rejection**

However, the Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1, 3 and 5 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 11-13 and 18 of co-pending Application No. 10/423, 780 or over claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10 of co-